Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Wherever it is found necessary to appoint Arabic Munshies, they are being appointed.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know with reference to Colleges, whether anything has been done?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Nothing has been done so far, because no necessity has arisen.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know when difficulty is felt should not Government provide instruction for Arabic study in Colleges?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Not always.

Work turned out by the Agricultural Department.

65. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any improvement, with special reference to productivity of the soil and method of cultivation, has been effected as a result of the labours of the Department of Agriculture ever since its inception in Travancore;

(*b*) if so, what is the total amount of increase in the yields of paddy and of cocoanuts in the State for which credit should be given to the Department of Agriculture;

(*c*) in each case, what percentage does the increased productivity bear to the original productivity at the time of the establishment of the department; and

(*d*) what are the main objects, aims, purposes and ideals of the Department of Agriculture?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The statistics are not available.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

(*d*) Popularisation of improved methods of agriculture among agriculturists by means of research, experiments, demonstration and propaganda.

Mr. K. R. Elankath (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): With reference to part (*b*) may I know whether Government have made any attempt to get the statistics?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: No systematic attempts have been made.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether it is impossible to make any attempt in the matter?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Nothing is impossible.

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